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**SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED FEBRUARY 24, 2015**

**Preliminary Prospectus Supplement**

(To prospectus dated December 3, 2013)

**7,250,000 Shares**



**Celldex Therapeutics, Inc.**

**Common Stock**

We are offering 7,250,000 shares of our common stock. Our common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol "CLDX." On February 23, 2015, the last reported sale price of our common stock on the Nasdaq Global Market was \$24.73 per share.

**Investing in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. Please read the "Risk Factors" beginning on page S-9 of this prospectus supplement, on page 5 of the accompanying prospectus and the "Risk Factors" sections in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 and in the other documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement.**

**Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.**

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	<u>PER SHARE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Public Offering Price	\$	\$
Underwriting Discounts and Commissions <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	\$
Proceeds to Celldex before expenses	\$	\$

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(1) The underwriters will also be reimbursed for certain expenses incurred in this offering. See "Underwriting" for details.

Delivery of the shares of common stock is expected to be made on or about March , 2015. We have granted the underwriters an option for a period of 30 days to purchase an additional 1,087,500 shares of our common stock. If the underwriters exercise the option in full, the total underwriting discounts and commissions payable will be \$ and the total proceeds, before expenses, will be \$ .

*Joint Book-Running Managers*

**Jefferies**

**Leerink Partners**

*Lead Manager*

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## ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

In this prospectus supplement, "Celldex," "we," "us," "our" or "ours" refers to Celldex Therapeutics, Inc.

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus relate to the offering of shares of our common stock. Before buying any of the shares of common stock offered hereby, we urge you to carefully read this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, together with the information incorporated herein by reference as described under the headings "Where You Can Find More Information" and "Incorporation of Documents by Reference." These documents contain important information that you should consider when making your investment decision. This prospectus supplement contains information about the common stock offered hereby and may add, update or change information in the accompanying prospectus.

You should rely only on the information that we have provided or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. We have not authorized any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it.

We are not making offers to sell or solicitations to buy our common stock in any jurisdiction in which an offer or solicitation is not authorized or in which the person making that offer or solicitation is not qualified to do so or to anyone to whom it is unlawful to make an offer or solicitation. You should assume that the information in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus or any related free writing prospectus is accurate only as of the date on the front of the document and that any information that we have incorporated by reference is accurate only as of the date of the document incorporated by reference, regardless of the time of delivery of this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or any related free writing prospectus, or any sale of a security.

This document is in two parts. The first part is this prospectus supplement, which adds to and updates information contained in the accompanying prospectus. The second part, the prospectus, provides more general information, some of which may not apply to this offering. Generally, when we refer to this prospectus, we are referring to both parts of this document combined. To the extent there is a conflict between the information contained in this prospectus supplement and the information contained in the accompanying prospectus, you should rely on the information in this prospectus supplement.

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus contain summaries of certain provisions contained in some of the documents described herein, but reference is made to the actual documents for complete information. All of the summaries are qualified in their entirety by the actual documents. Copies of some of the documents referred to herein have been or will be filed as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part or as exhibits to documents incorporated by reference herein, and you may obtain copies of those documents as described below under the headings "Where You Can Find More Information" and "Incorporation of Documents by Reference."

## PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT SUMMARY

*The following summary of our business highlights some of the information contained elsewhere in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement. Because this is only a summary, however, it does not contain all of the information that may be important to you. You should carefully read this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including the documents incorporated by reference, which are described under "Incorporation of Documents by Reference" and "Where You Can Find More Information" in this prospectus supplement. You should also carefully consider the matters discussed in the section titled "Risk Factors" in this prospectus supplement and in the accompanying prospectus and in other periodic reports incorporated by reference herein.*

### **Our Company**

We are a biopharmaceutical company focused on the development and commercialization of several immunotherapy technologies for the treatment of cancer and other difficult-to-treat diseases. Our lead drug candidates include rindopepimut (also referred to as Rintega® and CDX-110) and glebatumumab vedotin (also referred to as CDX-011). Rindopepimut is a targeted immunotherapeutic in a pivotal Phase 3 study for the treatment of front-line glioblastoma and a Phase 2 study for the treatment of recurrent glioblastoma. Glebatumumab vedotin is a targeted antibody-drug conjugate in a randomized, Phase 2b study for the treatment of triple negative breast cancer and a Phase 2 study for the treatment of metastatic melanoma. We also have a number of earlier stage drug candidates in clinical development, including varlilumab (also referred to as CDX-1127), a fully human therapeutic monoclonal antibody for cancer indications, CDX-1401, a targeted immunotherapeutic aimed at antigen presenting cells, or APC, for cancer indications and CDX-301, an immune cell mobilizing agent and dendritic cell growth factor. Our drug candidates address market opportunities for which we believe current therapies are inadequate or non-existent.

We are building a fully integrated, commercial-stage biopharmaceutical company that develops important therapies for patients with unmet medical needs. Our program assets provide us with the strategic options to either retain full economic rights to our innovative therapies or seek favorable economic terms through advantageous commercial partnerships. This approach allows us to maximize the overall value of our technology and product portfolio while best ensuring the expeditious development of each individual product.

### **Rindopepimut (Rintega®; CDX-110)**

Rindopepimut is an experimental immunotherapeutic drug that targets the tumor-specific molecule epidermal growth factor receptor variant III, or EGFRvIII. EGFRvIII is a mutated form of the epidermal growth factor receptor, or EGFR, that is only expressed in cancer cells and not in normal tissue and can directly contribute to cancer cell growth. EGFRvIII is expressed in approximately 30% of glioblastoma, or GBM, tumors, the most common and aggressive form of brain cancer. Rindopepimut is composed of the EGFRvIII peptide linked to a carrier protein called Keyhole Limpet Hemocyanin, or KLH, and administered together with the adjuvant GM-CSF. The Food and Drug Administration, or FDA, has granted rindopepimut Breakthrough Therapy designation for the treatment of adult patients with EGFRvIII-positive glioblastoma and has also granted Fast Track designation. Breakthrough Therapy and Fast Track designation do not change the standards for approval but may expedite the development or approval process. The FDA and the European Medicines Agency, or EMA, have both granted orphan drug designation for rindopepimut for the treatment of EGFRvIII expressing GBM.

In December 2011, we initiated ACT IV, a pivotal, randomized, double-blind, controlled Phase 3 study of rindopepimut in patients with surgically resected, EGFRvIII-positive GBM. Patients were randomized after the completion of surgery and standard chemotherapy (temozolomide, or TMZ) and radiation treatment. The treatment regimen includes a rindopepimut priming phase post-radiation followed by an adjuvant TMZ

phase and a rindopepimut maintenance therapy phase. Patients are treated until disease progression or intolerance to therapy. The primary objective of the study is to determine whether rindopepimut plus adjuvant GM-CSF improves the overall survival of patients with newly diagnosed EGFRvIII-positive GBM with minimal residual disease post resection and traditional chemo-radiation when compared to treatment with TMZ and a control injection of KLH. KLH is a component of rindopepimut and was selected due to its ability to generate a similar injection site reaction to that observed with rindopepimut.

In December 2014, ACT IV completed enrollment. In total, over 4,800 GBM patients were screened for EGFRvIII status from more than 200 clinical trial sites across 22 countries and, consistent with prior studies, 30% were positive for the EGFRvIII mutation. The study enrolled 745 patients to reach the required 374 patients with minimal residual disease (assessed by central review) needed for analysis of the primary overall survival endpoint. All patients, including patients with disease that exceed this threshold, will be included in a secondary analysis of overall survival as well as analyses of progression-free survival, safety and tolerability, and quality of life. The timing of the overall survival primary endpoint data is event-driven. Interim analyses will be conducted by an independent Data Safety and Monitoring Board at 50% and 75% of events (deaths). The first interim analysis is expected in mid-2015. The second interim analysis is currently expected in late 2015 or early 2016 and the final data is currently expected by the end of 2016, although our expectations regarding timing for the second interim analysis and final data read out may change based on event rates.

In December 2011, we also initiated ReACT, a Phase 2 study of rindopepimut in combination with bevacizumab in patients with recurrent EGFRvIII-positive GBM. This study completed enrollment in 2014 and includes 3 groups. Group 1 consists of 72 patients who had not previously received Avastin and were randomized to receive either rindopepimut and Avastin or a control injection of KLH and Avastin in a blinded fashion. Group 2 includes 25 patients who are refractory to Avastin having received Avastin in either the frontline or recurrent setting with subsequent progression and who received rindopepimut plus Avastin in a single treatment arm. In August 2013, we announced the addition of an expansion cohort of up to 75 patients, called Group 2C, to better characterize the potential activity of rindopepimut in this refractory patient population. This decision was based on early evidence of anti-tumor activity, including stable disease, tumor shrinkage and investigator-reported response. In total, Group 2C enrolled 28 patients. The primary endpoint is six month progression-free survival rate, or PFS-6, for groups 1 and 2 and objective response rate (ORR) for group 2C. Other study endpoints include PFS-6, ORR, progression-free survival, or PFS, overall survival, or OS and safety and tolerability.

In November 2014, we reported interim data from our ongoing Phase 2 ReACT study. Rindopepimut plus Avastin was very well tolerated (dosing up to 26+ months) and the results demonstrated clear signs of clinical activity in advanced patient populations, including evidence of anti-tumor activity (tumor shrinkage, objective response and stable disease). Strong immune response correlated with improved outcome. In Avastin-naïve patients treated with both rindopepimut and Avastin, a statistically significant survival benefit was seen compared to the control patients. Final data is anticipated by mid-year 2015 and we intend to present this data at a peer reviewed medical meeting in that same time frame.

#### **Group 1 Interim Data**

- **PFS-6:** PFS-6 by investigator read was 27% for patients treated with rindopepimut compared to 11% for control patients (p=0.048)
- **Survival:** The OS demonstrated a statistically significant benefit (p=0.0208) with a hazard ratio of 0.47 (0.25, 0.91) in favor of the rindopepimut treated patients. Median OS was 12.0 months for patients treated with rindopepimut compared to 8.8 months for control patients.
- **Response Rate:** 7 out of 29 patients (24%) evaluable for response on the rindopepimut arm experienced a confirmed objective response versus 5 out of 30 patients (17%) evaluable for response on the control arm. Assessments of response were conducted by study investigators according to RANO criteria.

- **Other:** All subgroup analyses, including performance status, steroid use and recent resection, show a hazard ratio in favor of rindopepimut treatment.

**Group 2/2C Interim Data**

- **Survival:** Median OS was 5.1 months (95% CI 3.2, 6.5) for these heavily pretreated, refractory EGFRvIII-positive patients. 46% of patients in Group 2/2C were alive at 6 months.
- **Response Rate:** Based on investigator assessment, two patients experienced complete response, of which one was unconfirmed, and two patients experienced partial response, of which one was unconfirmed, in Group 2. Two of these four patients did not meet the protocol defined definition of refractory in Group 2, the only two such patients enrolled. No additional objective responses were observed in Group 2C and the study did not meet the criteria (defined as two responses in the first 23 patients enrolled in Group 2C) for continued enrollment. Ten patients with measurable disease experienced objective tumor shrinkage across Group 2/2C.

In February 2015, the FDA granted rindopepimut Breakthrough Therapy designation for the treatment of adult patients with EGFRvIII-positive glioblastoma. The FDA's Breakthrough Therapy designation is intended to expedite the development and review of a drug candidate that is intended to treat a serious or life-threatening disease or condition when preliminary clinical evidence demonstrates that such drug may have substantial improvement on one or more clinically significant endpoints over existing therapies. Breakthrough Therapy designation does not change the standards for approval but may expedite the development or approval process.

**Glebatumumab Vedotin (CDX-011)**

CDX-011 is an antibody-drug conjugate for the treatment of patients with glycoprotein NMB, referred to as gpNMB, expressing advanced, refractory breast cancer. CDX-011 targets the protein gpNMB, which is over-expressed in a variety of cancers, including breast cancer and melanoma. The FDA has granted Fast Track designation to CDX-011 for the treatment of advanced, refractory/resistant gpNMB-expressing breast cancer.

In December 2012, we announced final results from the EMERGE study, a randomized, multi-center Phase 2b study of glebatumumab vedotin in 122 patients with heavily pre-treated, advanced, gpNMB positive breast cancer. Patients were randomized (2:1) to receive either glebatumumab vedotin or single-agent Investigator's Choice, or IC, chemotherapy. Patients randomized to receive IC were allowed to cross over to receive glebatumumab vedotin following disease progression. Activity endpoints included response rate, PFS and OS. The final results suggested that glebatumumab vedotin induces significant response rates compared to currently available therapies in patient subsets with advanced, refractory breast cancers with gpNMB over-expression (expression in greater than or equal to 25% of tumor cells) and in patients with triple negative breast cancer. The OS and PFS of patients treated with glebatumumab vedotin was also observed to be greatest in patients with triple negative breast cancer who also over-express gpNMB and all patients with gpNMB over-expression.

	gpNMB Over-Expression		Triple Negative and gpNMB Over-Expression		
	glebatumumab vedotin (n=25)	Investigator Choice (n=8)	glebatumumab vedotin (n=12)	Investigator Choice (n=4)	
Response	32%	13%	33%	0%	
Disease Control Rate	64%	38%	75%	25%	

**EMERGE: Overall Response Rate and Disease Control Data**

	gpNMB Over-Expression		Triple Negative and gpNMB Over-Expression	
	glembatumumab vedotin (n=25)	Investigator Choice (n=8)	glembatumumab vedotin (n=12)	Investigator Choice (n=4)
Response	32%	13%	33%	0%
Disease Control Rate	64%	38%	75%	25%

Responses per RECIST 1.1; IC = Investigator's Choice; glembatumumab vedotin arm includes 15 patients who crossed over to receive glembatumumab vedotin treatment after progression on IC. Analysis of best response excludes patients who discontinued from study without evaluable post-baseline radiographic imaging (n=15 for glembatumumab vedotin arm; n=5 for IC arm).

**EMERGE: Progression Free Survival (PFS) and Overall Survival (OS) Data**

	gpNMB Over-Expression		Triple Negative and gpNMB Over-Expression	
	glembatumumab vedotin	Investigator Choice	glembatumumab vedotin	Investigator Choice
Median PFS (months)	2.7	1.5	3.0	1.5
	p=0.14		p=0.008	
Median OS (months)	10.0	5.7	10.0	5.5
	p=0.18		p=0.003	

When cross over patients are removed, median OS in patients with gpNMB over-expression is 10.0 months for glembatumumab vedotin vs 5.2 months for IC (p=0.05) and median OS in triple negative patients with gpNMB over-expression is 10.0 months for glembatumumab vedotin vs 5.2 months for IC (p=0.009).

In December 2013, we initiated METRIC, a randomized, controlled, Phase 2b study of glembatumumab vedotin in patients with triple negative breast cancer that over-express gpNMB. To-date, 95 sites are open to enrollment across the United States, Canada and Australia. The study was originally designed to obtain accelerated approval. Feedback from clinical investigators conducting the study indicated that the eligibility criteria for study entry were limiting their ability to enroll patients they felt were clinically appropriate for study. In addition, we had spoken to country-specific members of the European Medicines Agency, or EMA, and believed a significant opportunity existed to expand the study into the EU. Based on these factors, in the fourth quarter of 2014, we amended the METRIC study and expanded patient entry criteria to position it for full marketing approval with global regulators, including the EMA, and to support improved enrollment in the study. The primary endpoint of the study is PFS as PFS is an established endpoint for full approval registration studies in this patient population in both the US and the EU. The sample size of 300 patients and the secondary endpoint of OS remained unchanged. We implemented these changes in parallel to regulatory discussions to maintain momentum at open clinical trial sites. Since implementation, both the FDA and central European regulatory authorities have reviewed the protocol design and we believe the METRIC study could support marketing approval in both the US and Europe dependent upon data review. Based on current projections, we believe enrollment will be completed in 2016.



## **CDX-1127**

CDX-1127 is a human monoclonal antibody that targets CD27, a potentially important target for immunotherapy of various cancers. CD27 acts downstream from CD40 and may provide a novel way to regulate the immune responses. CD27 is a co-stimulatory molecule on T cells and is over-expressed in certain lymphomas and leukemias. CDX-1127 is an agonist antibody designed to have two potential therapeutic mechanisms. CDX-1127 has been shown to activate immune cells that can target and eliminate cancerous cells in tumor-bearing mice and to directly kill or inhibit the growth of CD27-expressing lymphomas and leukemias in vitro and in vivo. Both mechanisms have been seen even at low doses in preclinical models.

We are conducting an open label Phase 1 study of varlilumab in patients with selected malignant solid tumors or hematologic cancers at multiple clinical sites in the United States. Initial dose escalation cohorts were conducted to determine an optimal dose for future study and, to date, no maximum tolerated dose has been reached. The lymphoid malignancies dose escalation arm has completed enrollment of 24 patients and a new cohort has been added to include evaluation of T cell malignancies. An expansion cohort with 15 patients has also been added at 0.3mg/kg dosed once every three weeks in patients with Hodgkin Lymphoma. The solid tumor arm, which included patients with various solid tumors, completed dose escalation in 2013. Two expansion cohorts were subsequently added at 3 mg/kg dosed weekly in metastatic melanoma for 16 patients and renal cell carcinoma for 15 patients to better characterize clinical activity and further define the safety profile in preparation for combination studies.

We presented updated data from this Phase 1 study in November 2014. Varlilumab was very well tolerated and induced immunologic activity in patients that is consistent with both its mechanism of action and preclinical models. A total of 86 patients have been dosed in the study. Fifty-five patients have been dosed in dose escalation cohorts (various solid and hematologic B-cell tumors) and 31 patients have been dosed in the expansion cohorts (melanoma and RCC) at 3 mg/kg. In both the solid tumor and hematologic dose-escalations, the pre-specified maximum dose level (10 mg/kg) was reached without identification of a maximum tolerated dose. The majority of adverse events related to treatment have been mild to moderate (Grade 1/2) in severity, with only three serious adverse events related to treatment reported. No significant immune-mediated adverse events (colitis, hepatitis, etc.) typically associated with check-point blockade have been observed. Two patients experienced objective responses including a complete response in Hodgkin Lymphoma and a partial response in renal cell carcinoma. Thirteen patients experienced stable disease with a range of 3-30.7+ months to-date. Based on the results observed in hematologic malignancies, an expansion cohort has been added to enroll up to 15 patients with Hodgkin Lymphoma and an abbreviated dose escalation in T cell hematologic malignancies is ongoing.

In May 2014, we entered into a clinical trial collaboration with Bristol-Myers Squibb Company, or BMS, to evaluate the safety, tolerability and preliminary efficacy of varlilumab and Opdivo®, BMS's PD-1 immune checkpoint inhibitor, in a Phase 1/2 study. This study was initiated in January 2015 and is being conducted in adult patients with advanced non-small cell lung cancer, metastatic melanoma, colorectal cancer, ovarian cancer, and head and neck squamous cell carcinoma. The Phase 1 dose-escalation portion of the study will assess the safety and tolerability of varlilumab at varying doses when administered with Opdivo. Following dose escalation, a Phase 2 portion of the study will include five disease specific cohorts. The primary objective of the Phase 2 study is overall response rate. Secondary objectives include pharmacokinetics assessments, determining the immunogenicity of varlilumab when given in combination with Opdivo and further assessing the anti-tumor activity of combination treatment.

Multiple efforts are underway to finalize designs and plans for additional Phase 2 combination studies of varlilumab, including but not limited to: a Phase 1/2 study of varlilumab and ipilimumab in patients with metastatic melanoma (plus CDX-1401 in NY-ESO positive patients); a Phase 1/2 of varlilumab plus sunitinib in renal cell carcinoma; and a Phase 1/2 study of varlilumab plus a mek pathway agent (followed sequentially by a checkpoint inhibitor) for patients with B-raf mutated metastatic melanoma. In addition to

our sponsored studies and clinical trial collaborations, we anticipate that varlilumab's potential activity will also be explored in investigator sponsored studies at various academic institutions.

#### **Other Clinical and Pre-Clinical Programs**

We have several other programs in clinical and pre-clinical development. The status of the other programs that we currently believe are significant to our business is summarized in the table below:

<b>Product Candidate</b>	<b>Indication/Field</b>	<b>Stage of Clinical Development</b>
CDX-1401	Multiple solid tumors	Phase 1
CDX-301	Allogeneic Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation	Phase 1
CDX-014	Ovarian and renal cancer	Preclinical

#### **Corporate Information**

We are a Delaware corporation organized in 1983. On October 1, 2009, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Celldex merged with and into CuraGen Corporation. On December 31, 2009, CuraGen Corporation was merged with and into Celldex and the separate existence of CuraGen ceased.

Our principal executive offices are located at Perryville III Building, 53 Frontage Road, Suite 220, Hampton, New Jersey 08827 and our telephone number is (908) 200-7500. Our corporate website is [www.celldex.com](http://www.celldex.com). The information on our website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus.

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Common stock offered by us	7,250,000 shares
Common stock to be outstanding immediately after this offering	96,842,779 shares

## THE OFFERING

Common stock offered by us	7,250,000 shares
Common stock to be outstanding immediately after this offering	96,842,779 shares

### Underwriters' Option to Purchase Additional Shares

We have granted the underwriters an option to purchase up to 1,087,500 additional shares of our common stock. This option is exercisable, in whole or in part, for a period of 30 days from the date of this prospectus supplement.

### Use of Proceeds

We intend to use the net proceeds received by us in this offering to fund clinical trials of our product candidates, expansion of our pipeline, expansion of our commercial team and for working capital and other general corporate purposes. See "Use of Proceeds."

### Risk Factors

An investment in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. See the information contained in or incorporated under "Risk Factors" beginning on page S-9 of this prospectus supplement, page 5 of the accompanying prospectus, our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 and in the other documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement.

### NASDAQ Global Market Symbol

Our common stock is listed on The NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol "CLDX."

The total number of shares of common stock to be outstanding immediately after this offering assumes no exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares and is based on 89,592,779 shares of common stock issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2014, which does not include the following, all as of December 31, 2014:

- 7,015,350 shares issuable upon the exercise of outstanding stock options with a weighted-average exercise price of \$9.34 per share; and
- 828,485 shares available for future issuance under our equity compensation plans.

Unless otherwise stated, all information in this prospectus supplement:

- assumes no exercise of outstanding options to purchase common stock and no issuance of shares available for future issuance under our equity compensation plans;
- assumes no exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares; and
- reflects all currency in U.S. dollars.

## RISK FACTORS

*An investment in our securities involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully consider the risks described under "Risk Factors" in the accompanying prospectus and our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, respectively, as updated by any other document that we subsequently file with the Securities and Exchange Commission and that is incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, as well as the risks described below and all of the other information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, and incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including our financial statements and related notes, before investing in our securities. These risks and uncertainties are not the only ones facing us and there may be additional matters that we are unaware of or that we currently consider immaterial. All of these could adversely affect our business, business prospects, cash flow, results of operations and financial condition. In such case, the trading price of our common stock could decline, and you could lose all or part of your investment in our common stock.*

### **Risks Related to this Offering**

***Management will have broad discretion as to the use of the proceeds from this offering, and we may not use the proceeds effectively.***

Because we have not designated the amount of net proceeds received by us from this offering to be used for any particular purpose, our management will have broad discretion as to the application of the net proceeds from this offering and could use them for purposes other than those contemplated at the time of the offering. Our management may use the net proceeds for corporate purposes that may not improve our financial condition or market value.

***You will experience immediate and substantial dilution in the book value per share of the common stock you purchase.***

Because the price per share of our common stock being offered will be higher than the book value per share of our common stock, you will suffer substantial dilution in the net tangible book value of the common stock you purchase in this offering. See the section entitled "Dilution" below for a more detailed discussion of the dilution you will incur if you purchase common stock in this offering. In addition, we have a significant number of options and restricted stock outstanding. If the holders of these securities exercise them or become vested in them, as applicable, you may incur further dilution.

***Sales of a significant number of shares of our common stock in the public markets could depress the market price of our common stock.***

Sales of a substantial number of shares of our common stock or other equity-related securities in the public markets could depress the market price of our common stock and impair our ability to raise capital through the sale of additional equity securities. We cannot predict the effect that future sales of our common stock or other equity-related securities would have on the market price of our common stock.

***Our share price has been and could remain volatile.***

The market price of our common stock has historically experienced and may continue to experience significant volatility. From January 2014 through December 2014, the market price of our common stock has fluctuated from a high of \$33.33 per share in the first quarter of 2014, to a low of \$10.76 per share in the second quarter of 2014. Our progress in developing and commercializing our products, the impact of government regulations on our products and industry, the potential sale of a large volume of our common stock by stockholders, our quarterly operating results, changes in general conditions in the economy or the financial markets and other developments affecting us or our competitors could cause the market price of

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our common stock to fluctuate substantially with significant market losses. If our stockholders sell a substantial number of shares of common stock, especially if those sales are made during a short period of time, those sales could adversely affect the market price of our common stock and could impair our ability to raise capital. In addition, in recent years, the stock market has experienced significant price and volume fluctuations. This volatility has affected the market prices of securities issued by many companies for reasons unrelated to their operating performance and may adversely affect the price of our common stock. In addition, we could be subject to a securities class action litigation as a result of volatility in the price of our stock, which could result in substantial costs and diversion of management's attention and resources and could harm our stock price, business, prospects, results of operations and financial condition.

## SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein contain forward-looking statements made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements represent our management's judgment regarding future events. In many cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as "may," "will," "should," "plan," "expect," "anticipate," "estimate," "predict," "intend," "potential" or "continue" or the negative of these terms or other words of similar import, although some forward-looking statements are expressed differently. All statements other than statements of historical fact included in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein regarding our financial position, business strategy and plans or objectives for future operations are forward-looking statements. Without limiting the broader description of forward-looking statements above, we specifically note that statements regarding potential drug candidates, their potential therapeutic effect, the possibility of obtaining regulatory approval, our expected timing for completing clinical trials and clinical trial milestones for our drug candidates, our ability or the ability of our collaborators to manufacture and sell any products, market acceptance or our ability to earn a profit from sales or licenses of any drug candidate or to discover new drugs in the future are all forward-looking in nature. We cannot guarantee the accuracy of forward-looking statements, and you should be aware that results and events could differ materially and adversely from those described in the forward-looking statements due to a number of factors, including:

There are a number of important factors that could cause the actual results to differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statement made by us. These factors include, but are not limited to:

- our ability to successfully complete research and further development, including animal, preclinical and clinical studies, and, if we obtain regulatory approval, commercialization of rindopepimut (also referred to as Rintega® and CDX-110), glembatumumab vedotin (also referred to as CDX-011), and other drug candidates and the growth of the markets for those drug candidates;
- our ability to raise sufficient capital to fund our clinical studies and to meet our long-term liquidity needs, on terms acceptable to us, or at all. If we are unable to raise the funds necessary to meet our long-term liquidity needs, we may have to delay or discontinue the development of one or more programs, discontinue or delay on-going or anticipated clinical trials, license out programs earlier than expected, raise funds at a significant discount or on other unfavorable terms, if at all, or sell all or part of our business;
- our ability to manage multiple clinical trials for a variety of drug candidates at different stages of development, including ACT IV and ReACT for rindopepimut and METRIC for glembatumumab vedotin;
- the cost, timing, scope and results of ongoing safety and efficacy trials of rindopepimut, glembatumumab vedotin, and other preclinical and clinical testing;
- our ability to fund and complete the development and, if we obtain regulatory approval, to commercialize rindopepimut in North America and Europe ourselves;
- the availability, cost, delivery and quality of clinical and commercial grade materials produced by our own manufacturing facility or supplied by contract manufacturers, suppliers and partners, who may be the sole source of supply;
- the timing, cost and uncertainty of obtaining regulatory approvals for our drug candidates;
- our ability to maintain breakthrough therapy designation for rindopepimut, which designation may be revoked by the FDA in the future, and even if the designation is not revoked, the designation does not change the standards for approval of rindopepimut or guarantee approval or expedited approval of rindopepimut;

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- our ability to develop and commercialize products before competitors that are superior to the alternatives developed by such competitors;
- our ability to negotiate strategic partnerships, where appropriate, for our programs, which may include, rindopepimut outside of North America and Europe, glembatumumab vedotin and varlilumab (also referred to as CDX-1127);
- our ability to develop technological capabilities, including identification of novel and clinically important targets, exploiting our existing technology platforms to develop new product candidates and expand our focus to broader markets for our existing targeted immunotherapeutics;
- our ability to adapt our proprietary antibody-targeted technology, or APC Targeting Technology™, to develop new, safe and effective therapeutics for oncology and infectious disease indications;
- the availability, cost, delivery and quality of clinical management services provided by our clinical research organization partners;
- our ability to protect our intellectual property rights, including the ability to successfully defend patent oppositions filed against a European patent related to technology we use in varlilumab, and our ability to avoid intellectual property litigation, which can be costly and divert management time and attention.

You should also consider carefully the statements set forth in the section entitled "Risk Factors" in this prospectus supplement and in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, respectively, as updated by any other document that we subsequently filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and that is incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement, which address various factors that could cause results or events to differ from those described in the forward-looking statements. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to us or to persons acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the applicable cautionary statements. We have no plans to update these forward-looking statements.

## USE OF PROCEEDS

We estimate that the net proceeds received by us from this offering, based on an assumed offering price of \$24.73 per share, the last reported sale price of our common stock on the NASDAQ Global Market on February 23, 2015, after deducting the underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us, will be approximately \$169.2 million, or approximately \$194.6 million, if the underwriters exercise their option to purchase additional shares in full. A \$1.00 increase (decrease) in the assumed public offering price of \$24.73 per share would increase (decrease) the net proceeds from this offering by approximately \$6.9 million, assuming that the number of shares we are offering, as set forth on the cover page of this prospectus, remains the same, after deducting the estimated underwriting discount and estimated offering expenses payable by us. We may also increase or decrease the number of shares we are offering. Each increase (decrease) of 1,000,000 shares in the number of shares we are offering would increase (decrease) the net proceeds to us from this offering by approximately \$23.4 million, assuming that the assumed public offering price remains the same, and after deducting the estimated underwriting discount and estimated offering expenses payable by us.

We currently expect to use the net proceeds from this offering to fund clinical trials of our product candidates, expansion of our pipeline, expansion of commercial team and for working capital and other general corporate purposes. Until we use the net proceeds of this offering, we intend to invest the funds in short-term, investment grade, interest-bearing securities.

The amount and timing of actual expenditures for the purposes set forth above may vary based on several factors, and our management will retain broad discretion as to the ultimate allocation of the proceeds.

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Assumed public offering price per share		\$ 24.73
Net tangible book value per share as of December 31, 2014	\$ 2.02	
Increase in net tangible book value per share after this offering	\$ 1.60	
Pro forma net tangible book value per share as of December 31, 2014, after giving effect to this offering		\$ 3.62
Dilution per share to new investors in this offering		\$ 21.11



## DILUTION

If you invest in our common stock in this offering, your ownership interest will be diluted to the extent of the difference between the public offering price per share and our pro forma net tangible book value per share after this offering. We calculate net tangible book value per share by dividing our net tangible book value, which is tangible assets less total liabilities, by the number of outstanding shares of our common stock.

Our net tangible book value as of December 31, 2014 was approximately \$180.9 million, or \$2.02 per share. After giving effect to the sale by us of 7,250,000 shares of common stock offered by this prospectus supplement at an assumed public offering price of \$24.73 per share, the last reported sale price of our common stock on the NASDAQ Global Market on February 23, 2015, and after deducting the underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us, our pro forma net tangible book value as of December 31, 2014 would have been approximately \$350.1 million, or \$3.62 per share. This represents an immediate increase in pro forma net tangible book value of \$1.60 per share to existing stockholders and an immediate dilution of \$21.11 per share to new investors purchasing our common stock in this offering. The following table illustrates the per share dilution:

Assumed public offering price per share	\$ 24.73
Net tangible book value per share as of December 31, 2014	\$ 2.02
Increase in net tangible book value per share after this offering	\$ 1.60
Pro forma net tangible book value per share as of December 31, 2014, after giving effect to this offering	\$ 3.62
Dilution per share to new investors in this offering	\$ 21.11

The information above assumes that the underwriters do not exercise their option to purchase additional shares. If the underwriters exercise their option to purchase additional shares in full, our pro forma net tangible book value per share at December 31, 2014 after giving effect to this offering would have been \$3.83 per share, and the dilution in pro forma net tangible book value per share to investors in this offering would have been \$20.90 per share.

We may also increase or decrease the public offering price per share and the number of shares we are offering. A \$1.00 increase in the assumed public offering price of \$24.73 per share would increase our pro forma net tangible book value per share to \$3.69 and dilution per share to new investors to \$22.04, assuming the number of shares offered by us remains the same. A \$1.00 decrease in the assumed public offering price of \$24.73 per share would decrease our pro forma net tangible book value per share to \$3.54 and dilution per share to new investors to \$20.19, assuming the number of shares offered by us remains the same. An increase of 1,000,000 shares in the number of shares we are offering would increase our pro forma net tangible book value to \$3.82 per share, and decrease the dilution per share to new investors to \$20.91 per share, assuming the assumed public offering price remains the same. A decrease of 1,000,000 shares in the number of shares we are offering would decrease our pro forma net tangible book value to \$3.41 per share, and increase the dilution per share to new investors to \$21.32 per share, assuming the assumed public offering price remains the same. The pro forma information discussed above is illustrative only and will change based on the actual public offering price, number of shares and other terms of this offering determined at pricing.

The above table is based on 89,592,779 shares of our common stock issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2014, which does not include the following:

- 7,015,350 shares issuable upon the exercise of outstanding stock options as of December 31, 2014 with a weighted-average exercise price of \$9.34 per share; and
- 828,485 shares available for future issuance under our equity compensation plans as of December 31, 2014.

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Underwriter	Number of Shares
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## UNDERWRITING

Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the underwriting agreement, dated February \_\_\_\_\_, 2015, among us and Jefferies LLC and Leerink Partners LLC, as the representatives of the underwriters named below and the joint book-running managers of this offering, we have agreed to sell to the underwriters, and each of the underwriters has agreed, severally and not jointly, to purchase from us, the respective number of shares of common stock shown opposite its name below:

Underwriter	Number of Shares
Jefferies LLC	
Leerink Partners LLC	
Guggenheim Securities, LLC	
Total	

The underwriting agreement provides that the obligations of the several underwriters are subject to certain conditions precedent such as the receipt by the underwriters of officers' certificates and legal opinions and approval of certain legal matters by their counsel. The underwriting agreement provides that the underwriters will purchase all of the shares of common stock if any of them are purchased. If an underwriter defaults, the underwriting agreement provides that the purchase commitments of the nondefaulting underwriters may be increased or the underwriting agreement may be terminated. We have agreed to indemnify the underwriters and certain of their controlling persons against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, and to contribute to payments that the underwriters may be required to make in respect of those liabilities. We have granted to the underwriters an option to purchase additional shares of common stock as described below. See "—Option to Purchase Additional Shares."

The underwriters have advised us that, following the completion of this offering, they currently intend to make a market in the common stock as permitted by applicable laws and regulations. However, the underwriters are not obligated to do so, and the underwriters may discontinue any market-making activities at any time without notice in their sole discretion. Accordingly, no assurance can be given as to the liquidity of the trading market for the common stock, that you will be able to sell any of the common stock held by you at a particular time or that the prices that you receive when you sell will be favorable.

The underwriters are offering the shares of common stock subject to their acceptance of the shares of common stock from us and subject to prior sale. The underwriters reserve the right to withdraw, cancel or modify offers to the public and to reject orders in whole or in part. In addition, the underwriters have advised us that they do not intend to confirm sales to any account over which they exercise discretionary authority.

### Commission and Expenses

The underwriters have advised us that they propose to offer the shares of common stock to the public at the initial public offering price set forth on the cover page of this prospectus and to certain dealers, which may include the underwriters, at that price less a concession not in excess of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per share of common stock. The underwriters may allow, and certain dealers may reallow, a discount from the concession not in excess of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per share of common stock to certain brokers and dealers. After the offering, the initial public offering price, concession and reallowance to dealers may be reduced by the representatives. No such reduction will change the amount of proceeds to be received by us as set forth on the cover page of this prospectus.

	Per Share		Total	
	Without Option to Purchase Additional Shares	With Option to Purchase Additional Shares	Without Option to Purchase Additional Shares	With Option to Purchase Additional Shares
Public offering price	\$	\$	\$	\$
Underwriting discounts and commissions paid by us	\$	\$	\$	\$
Proceeds to us, before expenses	\$	\$	\$	\$

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The following table shows the public offering price, the underwriting discounts and commissions that we are to pay the underwriters and the proceeds, before expenses, to us in connection with this offering. Such amounts are shown assuming both no exercise and full exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares.

	Per Share		Total	
	Without Option to Purchase Additional Shares	With Option to Purchase Additional Shares	Without Option to Purchase Additional Shares	With Option to Purchase Additional Shares
Public offering price	\$	\$	\$	\$
Underwriting discounts and commissions paid by us	\$	\$	\$	\$
Proceeds to us, before expenses	\$	\$	\$	\$

We estimate expenses payable by us in connection with this offering, other than the underwriting discounts and commissions referred to above, will be approximately \$ . We also have agreed to reimburse the underwriters for up to \$10,000 for their FINRA counsel fee. In accordance with FINRA Rule 5110, this reimbursed fee is deemed underwriting compensation for this offering.

### Listing

Our common stock is listed on The Nasdaq Global Market under the trading symbol "CLDX".

### Stamp Taxes

If you purchase shares of common stock offered in this prospectus, you may be required to pay stamp taxes and other charges under the laws and practices of the country of purchase, in addition to the offering price listed on the cover page of this prospectus.

### Option to Purchase Additional Shares

We have granted to the underwriters an option, exercisable for 30 days from the date of this prospectus, to purchase, from time to time, in whole or in part, up to an aggregate of shares from us at the public offering price set forth on the cover page of this prospectus, less underwriting discounts and commissions. If the underwriters exercise this option, each underwriter will be obligated, subject to specified conditions, to purchase a number of additional shares proportionate to that underwriter's initial purchase commitment as indicated in the table above. This option may be exercised only if the underwriters sell more shares than the total number set forth on the cover page of this prospectus.

### No Sales of Similar Securities

We, our officers, directors and holders of all or substantially all our outstanding capital stock have agreed, subject to specified exceptions, not to directly or indirectly:

- sell, offer, contract or grant any option to sell (including any short sale), pledge, transfer, establish an open "put equivalent position" within the meaning of Rule 16a-1(h) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or
- otherwise dispose of any shares of common stock, options or warrants to acquire shares of common stock, or securities exchangeable or exercisable for or convertible into shares of common stock currently or hereafter owned either of record or beneficially, or
- publicly announce an intention to do any of the foregoing for a period of 90 days after the date of this prospectus without the prior written consent of Jefferies LLC and Leerink Partners LLC.

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This restriction terminates after the close of trading of the common stock on and including the 90<sup>th</sup> day after the date of this prospectus. Further, subject to certain exceptions, in the event that either:

- during the last 17 days of the 90-day restricted period, we issue an earnings release or material news or a material event relating to us occurs, or
- prior to the expiration of the 90-day restricted period, we announce that we will release earnings results during the 16-day period beginning on the last day of the 90-day restricted period,

then in either case the expiration of the 90-day restricted period will be extended until the expiration of the 18-day period beginning on the date of the issuance of an earnings release or the occurrence of the material news or event, as applicable, unless Jefferies LLC and Leerink Partners LLC waive, in writing, such an extension.

Jefferies LLC and Leerink Partners LLC may, in their sole discretion and at any time or from time to time before the termination of the 90-day period release all or any portion of the securities subject to lock-up agreements. There are no existing agreements between the underwriters and any of our stockholders who will execute a lock-up agreement, providing consent to the sale of shares prior to the expiration of the lock-up period.

### **Stabilization**

The underwriters have advised us that they, pursuant to Regulation M under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, certain persons participating in the offering may engage in short sale transactions, stabilizing transactions, syndicate covering transactions or the imposition of penalty bids in connection with this offering. These activities may have the effect of stabilizing or maintaining the market price of the common stock at a level above that which might otherwise prevail in the open market. Establishing short sales positions may involve either "covered" short sales or "naked" short sales.

"Covered" short sales are sales made in an amount not greater than the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares of our common stock in this offering. The underwriters may close out any covered short position by either exercising their option to purchase additional shares of our common stock or purchasing shares of our common stock in the open market. In determining the source of shares to close out the covered short position, the underwriters will consider, among other things, the price of shares available for purchase in the open market as compared to the price at which they may purchase shares through the option to purchase additional shares.

"Naked" short sales are sales in excess of the option to purchase additional shares of our common stock. The underwriters must close out any naked short position by purchasing shares in the open market. A naked short position is more likely to be created if the underwriters are concerned that there may be downward pressure on the price of the shares of our common stock in the open market after pricing that could adversely affect investors who purchase in this offering.

A stabilizing bid is a bid for the purchase of shares of common stock on behalf of the underwriters for the purpose of fixing or maintaining the price of the common stock. A syndicate covering transaction is the bid for or the purchase of shares of common stock on behalf of the underwriters to reduce a short position incurred by the underwriters in connection with the offering. Similar to other purchase transactions, the underwriter's purchases to cover the syndicate short sales may have the effect of raising or maintaining the market price of our common stock or preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of our common stock. As a result, the price of our common stock may be higher than the price that might otherwise exist in the open market. A penalty bid is an arrangement permitting the underwriters to reclaim the selling concession otherwise accruing to a syndicate member in connection with the offering if the common stock originally sold by such syndicate member are purchased in a syndicate covering transaction and therefore have not been effectively placed by such syndicate member.

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Neither we nor any of the underwriters make any representation or prediction as to the direction or magnitude of any effect that the transactions described above may have on the price of our common stock. The underwriters are not obligated to engage in these activities and, if commenced, any of the activities may be discontinued at any time.

The underwriters may also engage in passive market making transactions in our common stock on The NASDAQ Global Select Market in accordance with Rule 103 of Regulation M during a period before the commencement of offers or sales of shares of our common stock in this offering and extending through the completion of distribution. A passive market maker must display its bid at a price not in excess of the highest independent bid of that security. However, if all independent bids are lowered below the passive market maker's bid, that bid must then be lowered when specified purchase limits are exceeded.

**Electronic Distribution**

A prospectus in electronic format may be made available by e-mail or on the web sites or through online services maintained by one or more of the underwriters or their affiliates. In those cases, prospective investors may view offering terms online and may be allowed to place orders online. The underwriters may agree with us to allocate a specific number of shares of common stock for sale to online brokerage account holders. Any such allocation for online distributions will be made by the underwriters on the same basis as other allocations. Other than the prospectus in electronic format, the information on the underwriters' web sites and any information contained in any other web site maintained by any of the underwriters is not part of this prospectus, has not been approved and/or endorsed by us or the underwriters and should not be relied upon by investors.

**Other Activities and Relationships**

The underwriters and certain of their affiliates are full service financial institutions engaged in various activities, which may include securities trading, commercial and investment banking, financial advisory, investment management, investment research, principal investment, hedging, financing and brokerage activities. The underwriters and certain of their affiliates have, from time to time, performed, and may in the future perform, various commercial and investment banking and financial advisory services for us and our affiliates, for which they received or will receive customary fees and expenses.

In the ordinary course of their various business activities, the underwriters and certain of their affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers, and such investment and securities activities may involve securities and/or instruments issued by us and our affiliates. If the underwriters or their respective affiliates have a lending relationship with us, they routinely hedge their credit exposure to us consistent with their customary risk management policies. The underwriters and their respective affiliates may hedge such exposure by entering into transactions which consist of either the purchase of credit default swaps or the creation of short positions in our securities or the securities of our affiliates, including potentially the common stock offered hereby. Any such short positions could adversely affect future trading prices of the common stock offered hereby. The underwriters and certain of their respective affiliates may also communicate independent investment recommendations, market color or trading ideas and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such securities or instruments and may at any time hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments.

## NOTICE TO INVESTORS

### Australia

This prospectus is not a disclosure document for the purposes of Australia's Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) of Australia, or Corporations Act, has not been lodged with the Australian Securities & Investments Commission and is only directed to the categories of exempt persons set out below. Accordingly, if you receive this prospectus in Australia:

You confirm and warrant that you are either:

- a "sophisticated investor" under section 708(8)(a) or (b) of the Corporations Act;
- a "sophisticated investor" under section 708(8)(c) or (d) of the Corporations Act and that you have provided an accountant's certificate to the company which complies with the requirements of section 708(8)(c)(i) or (ii) of the Corporations Act and related regulations before the offer has been made;
- "professional investor" within the meaning of section 708(11)(a) or (b) of the Corporations Act.

To the extent that you are unable to confirm or warrant that you are an exempt sophisticated investor or professional investor under the Corporations Act any offer made to you under this prospectus is void and incapable of acceptance.

You warrant and agree that you will not offer any of the shares issued to you pursuant to this prospectus for resale in Australia within 12 months of those shares being issued unless any such resale offer is exempt from the requirement to issue a disclosure document under section 708 of the Corporations Act.

### European Economic Area

In relation to each member state of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a "**Relevant Member State**"), with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Relevant Member State (the "**Relevant Implementation Date**"), no offer of any securities which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this prospectus has been or will be made to the public in that Relevant Member State other than any offer where a prospectus has been or will be published in relation to such securities that has been approved by the competent authority in that Relevant Member State or, where appropriate, approved in another Relevant Member State and notified to the relevant competent authority in that Relevant Member State in accordance with the Prospectus Directive, except that with effect from and including the Relevant Implementation Date, an offer of such securities may be made to the public in that Relevant Member State:

- to any legal entity which is a "qualified investor" as defined in the Prospectus Directive;
- to fewer than 100 or, if the Relevant Member State has implemented the relevant provision of the 2010 PD Amending Directive, 150, natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive), as permitted under the Prospectus Directive, subject to obtaining the prior consent of the representatives of the underwriters for any such offer; or
- in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive,

provided that no such offer of securities shall require the Company or any of the underwriters to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an "offer to the public" in relation to any securities in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the securities to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the securities, as the same may be varied in that Relevant Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Relevant Member State and the expression "Prospectus

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Directive" means Directive 2003/71/EC (and amendments thereto, including the 2010 PD Amending Directive, to the extent implemented in the Relevant Member State), and includes any relevant implementing measure in the Relevant Member State and the expression "2010 PD Amending Directive" means Directive 2010/73/EU.

### **Hong Kong**

No securities have been offered or sold, and no securities may be offered or sold, in Hong Kong, by means of any document, other than to persons whose ordinary business is to buy or sell shares or debentures, whether as principal or agent; or to "professional investors" as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong and any rules made under that Ordinance; or in other circumstances which do not result in the document being a "prospectus" as defined in the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32) of Hong Kong or which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32) of Hong Kong. No document, invitation or advertisement relating to the securities has been issued or may be issued or may be in the possession of any person for the purpose of issue (in each case whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere), which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public of Hong Kong (except if permitted under the securities laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to securities which are or are intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong or only to "professional investors" as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong and any rules made under that Ordinance.

This prospectus has not been registered with the Registrar of Companies in Hong Kong. Accordingly, this prospectus may not be issued, circulated or distributed in Hong Kong, and the securities may not be offered for subscription to members of the public in Hong Kong. Each person acquiring the securities will be required, and is deemed by the acquisition of the securities, to confirm that he is aware of the restriction on offers of the securities described in this prospectus and the relevant offering documents and that he is not acquiring, and has not been offered any securities in circumstances that contravene any such restrictions.

### **Japan**

The offering has not been and will not be registered under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law of Japan (Law No. 25 of 1948 of Japan, as amended), or FIEL, and the Initial Purchaser will not offer or sell any securities, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of Japan (which term as used herein means, unless otherwise provided herein, any person resident in Japan, including any corporation or other entity organized under the laws of Japan), or to others for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to a resident of Japan, except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with, the FIEL and any other applicable laws, regulations and ministerial guidelines of Japan.

### **Singapore**

This prospectus has not been and will not be lodged or registered with the Monetary Authority of Singapore. Accordingly, this prospectus and any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or the invitation for subscription or purchase of the securities may not be issued, circulated or distributed, nor may the securities be offered or sold, or be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, whether directly or indirectly, to the public or any member of the public in Singapore other than (i) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289 of Singapore (the "SFA"), (ii) to a relevant person as defined under Section 275(2), or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A) of the SFA, and in accordance with the conditions, specified in Section 275 of the SFA, or (iii) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of any other applicable provision of the SFA.



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Where the securities are subscribed or purchased under Section 275 of the SFA by a relevant person which is:

- a corporation (which is not an accredited investor as defined under Section 4A of the SFA) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or
- a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary is an accredited investor,

shares, debentures and units of shares and debentures of that corporation or the beneficiaries' rights and interest in that trust shall not be transferable for six months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the Offer Shares under Section 275 of the SFA except:

- to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the SFA or to a relevant person defined in Section 275(2) of the SFA, or to any person pursuant to an offer that is made on terms that such shares, debentures and units of shares and debentures of that corporation or such rights and interest in that trust are acquired at a consideration of not less than \$200,000 (or its equivalent in a foreign currency) for each transaction, whether such amount is to be paid for in cash or by exchange of securities or other assets, and further for corporations, in accordance with the conditions, specified in Section 275 of the SFA;
- where no consideration is given for the transfer; or
- where the transfer is by operation of law.

### Switzerland

The securities may not be publicly offered in Switzerland and will not be listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange ("**SIX**") or on any other stock exchange or regulated trading facility in Switzerland. This prospectus has been prepared without regard to the disclosure standards for issuance prospectuses under art. 652a or art. 1156 of the Swiss Code of Obligations or the disclosure standards for listing prospectuses under art. 27 ff. of the SIX Listing Rules or the listing rules of any other stock exchange or regulated trading facility in Switzerland. Neither this prospectus nor any other offering or marketing material relating to the securities or the offering may be publicly distributed or otherwise made publicly available in Switzerland.

Neither this prospectus nor any other offering or marketing material relating to the offering, the Company or the securities have been or will be filed with or approved by any Swiss regulatory authority. In particular, this prospectus will not be filed with, and the offer of securities will not be supervised by, the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority FINMA ("**FINMA**"), and the offer of securities has not been and will not be authorized under the Swiss Federal Act on Collective Investment Schemes ("**CISA**"). The investor protection afforded to acquirers of interests in collective investment schemes under the CISA does not extend to acquirers of securities.

### United Kingdom

This prospectus is only being distributed to, and is only directed at, persons in the United Kingdom that are qualified investors within the meaning of Article 2(1)(e) of the Prospectus Directive that are also (i) investment professionals falling within Article 19(5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005, as amended (the "**Order**") and/or (ii) high net worth entities falling within Article 49(2)(a) to (d) of the Order and other persons to whom it may lawfully be communicated (each such person being referred to as a "**relevant person**").

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## LEGAL MATTERS

Lowenstein Sandler LLP, New York, New York, will provide us with an opinion as to the validity of the shares of common stock offered by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. This opinion may be conditioned upon and may be subject to assumptions regarding future actions required to be taken by us and any underwriters, dealers or agents in connection with the issuance and sale of the securities. Covington & Burling LLP, New York, New York, is counsel for the underwriters in connection with this offering.

## EXPERTS

The financial statements and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting (which is included in Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting) incorporated in this prospectus supplement by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

## WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. We have also filed a registration statement on Form S-3, including exhibits, under the Securities Act with respect to the securities offered by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are a part of the registration statement but do not contain all of the information included in the registration statement or the exhibits. You may read and copy the registration statement and any other document that we file at the SEC's public reference room at 100 F Street, N.E., Room 1580, Washington D.C. 20549. You can call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the operation of the public reference room. You can also find our public filings with the SEC on the Internet at a web site maintained by the SEC located at <http://www.sec.gov>.

## INCORPORATION OF DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to "incorporate by reference" into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus certain information. This means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents that contain the information. The information we incorporate by reference is considered a part of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, and later information we file with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below and any future filings we make with the SEC under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, on or after the date of this prospectus supplement (other than information "furnished" under Items 2.02 or 7.01 (or corresponding information furnished under Item 9.01 or included as an exhibit) of any Current Report on Form 8-K or otherwise "furnished" to the SEC, unless otherwise stated) until this offering is completed:

- Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014, filed on February 24, 2015;
- Our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on February 24, 2015 (other than information "furnished" under Items 2.02 or 7.01 (or corresponding information furnished under Item 9.01 or included as an exhibit));

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- Our Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A, filed with the SEC on April 9, 2014 (other than the portions thereof which are furnished and not filed); and
- The description of our common stock contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A, filed on November 8, 2004, as amended by Form 8-A/A filed on October 22, 2007 and March 7, 2008.

You may request a copy of these filings, at no cost, by writing to or telephoning us at the following address:

Corporate Secretary  
Celldex Therapeutics, Inc.  
Perryville III Building, 53 Frontage Road, Suite 220,  
Hampton, New Jersey 08827  
(908) 200-7500

Any statement contained in this prospectus supplement or in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement will be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus supplement to the extent that a statement contained in this prospectus supplement or any other subsequently filed document that is deemed to be incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement modifies or supersedes the statement. Any statement so modified or superseded will not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this prospectus supplement.

You should rely only on information contained in, or incorporated by reference into, this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with information different from that contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. We are not making offers to sell the securities in any jurisdiction in which such an offer or solicitation is not authorized or in which the person making such offer or solicitation is not qualified to do so or to anyone to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation.

PROSPECTUS

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**CELLDEX THERAPEUTICS, INC.**

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**Common Stock**  
**Preferred Stock**  
**Warrants**  
**Depositary Shares**  
**Units**

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Celldex Therapeutics, Inc. or any selling securityholders may offer, issue and sell from time to time, together or separately, in one or more offerings, any combination of:

- our common stock,
- our preferred stock, which we may issue in one or more series,
- warrants,
- depositary shares, and
- units.

This prospectus provides a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we or any selling securityholders sell securities, we will provide specific terms of the securities offered in a supplement to this prospectus. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement, as well as the documents incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference in this prospectus, carefully before you make your investment decision. Our common stock is traded on the NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol "CLDX." On November 29, 2013, the last reported sale price of our common stock on the NASDAQ Global Market was \$27.76 per share. You are urged to obtain current market quotations of the common stock. Each prospectus supplement will indicate if the securities offered thereby will be listed on any securities exchange.

This prospectus may not be used to sell securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement.

We or any selling securityholders may offer to sell these securities on a continuous or delayed basis, through agents, dealers or underwriters, or directly to purchasers. The prospectus supplement for each offering of securities will describe in detail the plan of distribution for that offering. If our agents or any dealers or underwriters are involved in the sale of the securities, the applicable prospectus supplement will set forth the names of the agents, dealers or underwriters and any applicable commissions or discounts. Our net proceeds from the sale of securities will also be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. For general information about the distribution of securities offered, please see "Plan of Distribution" in this prospectus.

**Investing in our securities involves risks. Before making an investment decisions, you should carefully review the information contained in this prospectus under the heading "Risk Factors" beginning on page 5 of this prospectus.**

**NEITHER THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION NOR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION OR REGULATORY BODY HAS APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED OF THESE SECURITIES OR DETERMINED IF THIS PROSPECTUS IS TRUTHFUL OR COMPLETE. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.**

The date of this prospectus is December 3, 2013.

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## ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is a part of a registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, utilizing a "shelf" registration process. Under this shelf registration process, we or any selling securityholders may, from time to time, sell any combination of the securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings.

The registration statement containing this prospectus, including the exhibits to the registration statement, provides additional information about us and the securities offered under this prospectus. You should read the registration statement and the accompanying exhibits for further information. The registration statement, including the exhibits and the documents incorporated or deemed incorporated herein by reference, can be read and are available to the public over the Internet at the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov> as described under the heading "Where You Can Find More Information."

This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we or any selling securityholders may offer. Each time we or any selling securityholders sell securities pursuant to this prospectus, we will provide a prospectus supplement containing specific information about the terms of a particular offering by us or any selling securityholders. That prospectus supplement may include a discussion of any risk factors or other special considerations that apply to those securities. The prospectus supplement may add, update or change information in this prospectus. If the information in the prospectus is inconsistent with a prospectus supplement, you should rely on the information in that prospectus supplement. You should read both this prospectus and, if applicable, any prospectus supplement. See "Where You Can Find More Information" for more information.

You should rely only on the information incorporated by reference or provided in this prospectus. We have not authorized any dealer, salesman or other person to give any information or to make any representation other than those contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement. You must not rely upon any information or representation not contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement. This prospectus and any prospectus supplement do not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities other than the registered securities to which they relate, nor do this prospectus and any prospectus supplement constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy securities in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction. You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement is accurate on any date subsequent to the date set forth on the front of such document or that any information we have incorporated by reference is correct on any date subsequent to the date of the document incorporated by reference, even though this prospectus and any prospectus supplement is delivered or securities are sold on a later date.

*Unless this prospectus indicates otherwise or the context otherwise requires, the terms "we," "our," "us," "Celldex" or the "Company" as used in this prospectus refer to Celldex Therapeutics, Inc. and its subsidiaries, except that such terms refer to only Celldex Therapeutics, Inc. and not its subsidiaries in the sections entitled "Description of Common Stock," "Description of Preferred Stock," "Description of Warrants," "Description of Depositary Shares," and "Description of Units."*

## PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

### **Company Overview**

We are a biopharmaceutical company focused on the development and commercialization of several immunotherapy technologies for the treatment of cancer and other difficult-to-treat diseases. Our lead drug candidates include rindopepimut (CDX-110), an immunotherapeutic vaccine in a pivotal Phase 3 study for the treatment of front-line glioblastoma and a Phase 2 study for the treatment of recurrent glioblastoma, and CDX-011, an antibody-drug conjugate for which we initiated an accelerated approval study in December 2013 for the treatment of advanced breast cancer. We also have a number of earlier stage candidates in clinical development, including CDX-1127, a therapeutic fully human monoclonal antibody in a Phase 1 study for cancer indications, CDX-1135, a molecule that inhibits a part of the immune system called the complement system, CDX-301, an immune cell mobilizing agent and dendritic cell growth factor and CDX-1401, an APC Targeting Technology™ program in a Phase 1 study for cancer indications. Our drug candidates address market opportunities for which we believe current therapies are inadequate or non-existent.

We are building a fully integrated, commercial-stage biopharmaceutical company that develops important therapies for patients with unmet medical needs. Our program assets provide us with the strategic options to either retain full economic rights to our innovative therapies or seek favorable economic terms through advantageous commercial partnerships. This approach allows us to maximize the overall value of our technology and product portfolio while best ensuring the expeditious development of each individual product.

### **Rindopepimut (CDX-110)**

Rindopepimut is an experimental immunotherapeutic drug that targets the tumor-specific molecule, epidermal growth factor receptor variant III, or EGFRvIII. EGFRvIII is a mutated form of the epidermal growth factor receptor, or EGFR, that is only expressed in cancer cells and not in normal tissue and can directly contribute to cancer cell growth. EGFRvIII is expressed in approximately 30% of glioblastoma, or GB, tumors, the most common and aggressive form of brain cancer. The rindopepimut vaccine is composed of the EGFRvIII peptide linked to a carrier protein called Keyhole Limpet Hemocyanin, or KLH, and administered together with the adjuvant GM-CSF. The Food and Drug Administration, or FDA, and the European Medicines Agency, or EMA, have both granted orphan drug designation for rindopepimut for the treatment of EGFRvIII expressing GB and the FDA has also granted Fast Track designation.

### **Glembatumumab Vedotin (CDX-011)**

CDX-011 is an antibody-drug conjugate, or ADC, for the treatment of patients with glycoprotein NMB, or gpNMB, expressing advanced, refractory breast cancer. CDX-011 consists of a fully-human monoclonal antibody, CR011, linked to a potent cell-killing drug, monomethyl-auroistatin E, or MMAE. CDX-011 targets the protein gpNMB, which is over-expressed in a variety of cancers, including breast cancer and melanoma. The ADC technology, comprised of MMAE and a stable linker system for attaching it to CR011, was licensed from Seattle Genetics, Inc. The FDA has granted Fast Track designation to CDX-011 for the treatment of advanced, refractory/resistant gpNMB-expressing breast cancer.

In connection with our acquisition of CuraGen Corporation, we assumed the license agreement between CuraGen and Seattle Genetics, whereby CuraGen acquired the rights to proprietary ADC technology, with the right to sublicense, for use with its proprietary antibodies for the potential treatment of cancer. Under the terms of the agreement, we have the responsibility of using commercially reasonable efforts to develop, commercialize and market such treatment. In furtherance of these responsibilities, technical assistance from Seattle Genetics is available to us as necessary. We may be required to pay milestones of up to \$7.5 million upon obtaining first approval for commercial sale in a first indication and royalty payments in

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the mid-single digits on any net product sales to Seattle Genetics with respect to development and commercialization of the ADC technology, including our CDX-011 program. The term of the agreement varies country to country and may be until the later of the expiration of the last relevant patent or the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first commercial sale. The agreement allows us to terminate with prior written notice, with both parties being able to terminate the agreement for an uncured material breach or insolvency of the other party.

The patent rights licensed from Seattle Genetics include issued patents and pending applications in Australia, Canada, Europe, the U.S. and Japan which include composition of matter claims relating to the toxin and conjugation technology. If maintained to full term in due course, the main Seattle Genetics patent rights would have estimated patent expiry dates ranging from 2023 in Europe to 2026 in the U.S.

### **CDX-1127**

CDX-1127 is a human monoclonal antibody that targets CD27, a potentially important target for immunotherapy of various cancers. CD27 acts downstream from CD40 and may provide a novel way to regulate the immune responses. CD27 is a co-stimulatory molecule on T cells and is over-expressed in certain lymphomas and leukemias. CDX-1127 is an agonist antibody designed to have two potential therapeutic mechanisms. CDX-1127 has been shown to activate immune cells that can target and eliminate cancerous cells in tumor-bearing mice and to directly kill or inhibit the growth of CD27-expressing lymphomas and leukemias in vitro and in vivo. Both mechanisms have been seen even at low doses in preclinical models.

### **CDX-1135**

CDX-1135 is a molecule that inhibits a part of the human immune system called the complement system. The complement system is a series of proteins that are important initiators of the body's acute inflammatory response against disease, infection and injury. Excessive complement activation also plays a role in some persistent inflammatory conditions. CDX-1135 is a soluble form of naturally occurring Complement Receptor 1 that has been shown to inhibit the activation of the complement cascade in animal models and in human clinical trials. In preclinical studies, CDX-1135 has been shown to inhibit both the classical and alternative pathways of complement activation. Our initial experience under an investigator sponsored IND indicated that CDX-1135 limits complement abnormalities in Dense Deposit Disease, or DDD, which is a rare and devastating disease that is caused by uncontrolled activation of the alternative pathway of complement activation and leads to progressive kidney damage in children. There is currently no treatment for patients with DDD and about half progress to end-stage renal disease within 10 years. Because DDD recurs in virtually all patients who receive a kidney transplant, transplantation is not a viable option for these patients. In animal models of DDD, CDX-1135 treatment showed evidence of reversal of kidney damage.

### **Other Clinical and Pre-Clinical Programs**

We have several other programs in clinical and pre-clinical development. The status of each of the other programs that we currently believe is significant to our business is summarized in the table below:

<b>Product Candidate</b>	<b>Indication/Field</b>	<b>Stage of Clinical Development</b>
CDX-1401	Multiple solid tumors	Phase 1
CDX-301	Cancer, autoimmune disease and transplant	Phase 1

### **Corporate Information**

We are a Delaware corporation organized in 1983. On October 1, 2009, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Celldex merged with and into CuraGen Corporation. On December 31, 2009, CuraGen Corporation was merged with and into Celldex and the separate existence of CuraGen ceased.

Our principal executive offices are located at 119 Fourth Avenue, Needham, Massachusetts 02494 and our telephone number is (781) 433-0771. Our corporate website is [www.celldextherapeutics.com](http://www.celldextherapeutics.com). The information on our website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus.



## SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus, including the documents that we incorporate by reference, contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act. Any statements about our expectations, beliefs, plans, objectives, assumptions or future events or performance are not historical facts and may be forward-looking. These statements are often, but not always, made through the use of words or phrases such as "anticipate," "estimate," "plans," "projects," "continuing," "ongoing," "expects," "management believes," "we believe," "we intend" and similar words or phrases. Accordingly, these statements involve estimates, assumptions and uncertainties, which could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in them. Any forward-looking statements are qualified in their entirety by reference to the risk factors discussed in this prospectus or discussed in documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

Forward-looking statements are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties, which change over time, and are based on management's expectations and assumptions at the time the statements are made, and are not guarantees of future results. Our actual results may differ materially from those expressed or anticipated in the forward-looking statements for many reasons including the factors described in the section entitled "Risk Factors" in this prospectus and in any risk factors described in a supplement to this prospectus or in other filings.

You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date on which they were made. We undertake no obligation to publicly revise any forward-looking statement to reflect circumstances or events after the date of this prospectus or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. You should, however, review the factors and risks we describe in the reports we file from time to time with the SEC after the date of this prospectus. We undertake no obligation to revise or update the forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus at any time. All forward-looking statements are qualified in their entirety by this cautionary statement.

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<u>Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013</u>	<u>Years ended December 31,</u>				
	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)

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## RISK FACTORS

*Investing in our securities involves significant risks. Before making an investment decision, you should carefully consider the risks and other information we include or incorporate by reference in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement. In particular, you should consider the risk factors under the heading "Risk Factors" included in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, as may be revised or supplemented by our subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q or Current Reports on Form 8-K, each of which are on file with the SEC and are incorporated herein by reference, and which may be amended, supplemented or superseded from time to time by other reports we file with the SEC in the future. The risks and uncertainties we have described are not the only ones facing our company. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also affect our business operations. Additional risk factors may be included in a prospectus supplement relating to a particular offering of securities. Our business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially adversely affected by any of these risks. The trading price of our securities could decline due to any of these risks, and you may lose all or part of your investment. This prospectus is qualified in its entirety by these risk factors.*

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Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013	Years ended December 31,				
	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)

<sup>(1)</sup> Due to our losses from continuing operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009 and 2008, earnings were insufficient to cover fixed charges by \$59.3 million, \$58.1 million, \$43.4 million, \$6.5 million, \$36.9 million and \$48.8 million, respectively. For this reason, no ratios are provided.

## RATIOS OF COMBINED FIXED CHARGES AND PREFERRED STOCK DIVIDENDS TO EARNINGS

The following table sets forth our consolidated ratios of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009 and 2008. We do not have any outstanding shares of preferred stock and therefore have not paid any preferred stock dividends.

### Ratios of Combined Fixed Charges

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Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013	Years ended December 31,				
	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)

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## **USE OF PROCEEDS**

Unless otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement to this prospectus used to offer specific securities, we expect to use the net proceeds from any offering of securities by us for general corporate purposes, which may include acquisitions, capital expenditures, investments, and the repayment, redemption or refinancing of all or a portion of any indebtedness or other securities outstanding at a particular time, to fund our operations until we receive FDA approval of our products and are able to commercialize our products and to make substantial investments to establish sales, marketing, quality control, and regulatory compliance capabilities in anticipation of FDA approval of our products. Pending the application of the net proceeds, we expect to invest the net proceeds in short-term, interest-bearing instruments with a maturity of three months or less at the date of purchase that consist primarily of investments in money market mutual funds with commercial banks and financial institutions or other investment-grade securities. Such investments may include depositing such net proceeds into, and maintaining cash balances with, financial institutions in excess of insured limits. We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of our securities by any selling securityholders.

## **SELLING SECURITYHOLDERS**

Information about selling securityholders, if any, will be set forth in a prospectus supplement, in an amendment to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, or in other filings we make with the SEC under the Exchange Act, which are incorporated by reference.

## DESCRIPTIONS OF SECURITIES WE MAY OFFER

This prospectus contains summary descriptions of the common stock, preferred stock, warrants, depositary shares and units that we or any selling securityholders may offer and sell from time to time. The preferred stock may also be exchangeable for and/or convertible into shares of common stock or another series of preferred stock. When one or more of these securities are offered in the future, a prospectus supplement will explain the particular terms of the securities and the extent to which these general provisions may apply. These summary descriptions and any summary descriptions in the applicable prospectus supplement do not purport to be complete descriptions of the terms and conditions of each security and are qualified in their entirety by reference to our third restated certificate of incorporation, as amended, our by-laws and by applicable Delaware law and any other documents referenced in such summary descriptions and from which such summary descriptions are derived. If any particular terms of a security described in the applicable prospectus supplement differ from any of the terms described herein, then the terms described herein will be deemed superseded by the terms set forth in that prospectus supplement.

We may issue securities in book-entry form through one or more depositories, such as The Depository Trust Company, Euroclear or Clearstream, named in the applicable prospectus supplement. Each sale of a security in book-entry form will settle in immediately available funds through the applicable depository, unless otherwise stated. We will issue the securities only in registered form, without coupons, although we may issue the securities in bearer form if so specified in the applicable prospectus supplement. If any securities are to be listed or quoted on a securities exchange or quotation system, the applicable prospectus supplement will say so.

## DESCRIPTION OF COMMON STOCK

As of September 30, 2013, we are authorized to issue up to 297,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$.001 per share. As of September 30, 2013, approximately 81,108,109 shares of common stock were outstanding. All outstanding shares of our common stock are fully paid and non-assessable. Our common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol "CLDX".

### *Dividends*

The board of directors may, out of funds legally available, at any regular or special meeting, declare dividends to the holders of shares of our common stock as and when it deems expedient, subject to the rights of holders of the preferred stock, if any.

### *Voting*

Each share of common stock entitles the holders to one vote per share on all matters requiring a vote of the stockholders, including the election of directors. No holders of shares of common stock shall have the right to vote such shares cumulatively in any election for the board of directors.

### *Rights Upon Liquidation*

In the event of our voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution, or winding up, the holders of our common stock will be entitled to share equally in our assets available for distribution after payment in full of all debts and after the holders of preferred stock, if any, have received their liquidation preferences in full.

### *Miscellaneous*

No holders of shares of our common stock shall have any preemptive rights to subscribe for, purchase or receive any shares of any class, whether now or hereafter authorized, or any options or warrants to purchase any such shares, or any securities convertible into or exchanged for any such shares, which may at any time be issued, sold or offered for sale by Celldex.

### *Anti-Takeover Provisions*

Certain provisions in our third restated certificate of incorporation, as amended, and applicable Delaware corporate law, as well as our shareholder rights agreement, may have the effect of discouraging a change of control of Celldex, even if such a transaction is favored by some of our stockholders and could result in stockholders receiving a substantial premium over the current market price of our shares. The primary purpose of these provisions is to encourage negotiations with our management by persons interested in acquiring control of our corporation. These provisions may also tend to perpetuate present management and make it difficult for stockholders owning less than a majority of the shares to be able to elect even a single director.

Pursuant to our shareholder rights agreement (referred to in this prospectus as the rights agreement) a dividend of one Preferred Stock Purchase Right (referred to in this prospectus as a right) for each share of common stock of Celldex was declared for each outstanding share of common stock of Celldex on November 11, 2004. Each share of common stock of Celldex issued after such date is also issued with a right. Each right entitles the registered holder to purchase from Celldex a unit consisting of one one-ten thousandth of a share of Celldex Series C-1 Junior Participating Cumulative Preferred Stock, at a cash exercise price of \$35 per unit, subject to adjustment as specified in the rights agreement. We describe the rights more completely in the rights agreement itself, which is contained in Exhibit 4.1 to our Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed on November 8, 2004. The summary of the provisions of the rights agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to that agreement.

Computershare Trust Company, N.A. is presently the transfer agent and registrar for our common stock.

## DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED STOCK

At September 30, 2013, the Company had authorized preferred stock comprised of 3,000,000 shares of Class C Preferred Stock of which 350,000 shares has been designated as Class C-1 Junior Participating Cumulative Preferred Stock, the terms of which are to be determined by our board of directors. As of September 30, 2013, there was no preferred stock outstanding.

### Class C Preferred Stock

This section describes the general terms and provisions of our Class C Preferred Stock. The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the specific terms of the shares of preferred stock offered through that prospectus supplement, as well as any general terms described in this section that will not apply to those shares of preferred stock.

Our board of directors has been authorized to provide for the issuance of the 2,650,000 unissued and undesignated shares of our Class C Preferred Stock. In general, our third restated certificate of incorporation, as amended, authorizes our board of directors to issue new shares of our common stock or preferred stock without further stockholder action, provided that there are sufficient authorized shares.

With respect to each series of our Class C Preferred Stock, our board of directors has the authority to fix the following terms:

- the designation of the series;
- the number of shares within the series;
- whether dividends are cumulative and, if cumulative, the dates from which dividends are cumulative;
- the rate of any dividends, any conditions upon which dividends are payable, and the dates of payment of dividends;
- whether interests in the shares of preferred stock will be represented by depositary shares as more fully described below under "Description of Depositary Shares";
- whether the shares are redeemable, the redemption price and the terms of redemption;
- the amount payable to you for each share you own if we dissolve or liquidate;
- whether the shares are convertible or exchangeable, the price or rate of conversion or exchange, and the applicable terms and conditions;
- any restrictions on issuance of shares in the same series or any other series;
- voting rights applicable to the series of preferred stock; and
- any other rights, priorities, preferences, restrictions or limitations of such series.

The rights with respect to any shares of our Class C Preferred Stock will be subordinate to the rights of our general creditors. Shares of our Class C Preferred Stock that we issue in accordance with their terms will be fully paid and nonassessable, and will not be entitled to preemptive rights unless specified in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Our ability to issue preferred stock, or rights to purchase such shares, could discourage an unsolicited acquisition proposal. For example, we could impede a business combination by issuing a series of preferred stock containing class voting rights that would enable the holders of such preferred stock to block a business combination transaction. Alternatively, we could facilitate a business combination transaction by issuing a series of preferred stock having sufficient voting rights to provide a required percentage vote of the stockholders. Additionally, under certain circumstances, our issuance of preferred stock could adversely affect the voting power of the holders of our common stock. Although our board of directors is required to make any determination to issue any preferred stock based on its judgment as to the best interests of our stockholders, our board of directors could act in a manner that would discourage an acquisition attempt or other transaction that some, or a majority, of our stockholders might believe to be in their best interests or

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in which stockholders might receive a premium for their stock over prevailing market prices of such stock. Our board of directors does not at present intend to seek stockholder approval prior to any issuance of currently authorized stock, unless otherwise required by law or applicable stock exchange requirements.

***Terms of the Preferred Stock That We May Offer and Sell to You***

We summarize below some of the provisions that will apply to the preferred stock that we may offer to you unless the applicable prospectus supplement provides otherwise. This summary may not contain all information that is important to you. You should read the prospectus supplement, which will contain additional information and which may update or change some of the information below. Prior to the issuance of a new series of preferred stock, we will further amend our third restated certificate of incorporation, as amended, designating the stock of that series and the terms of that series. We will file a copy of the certificate of designation that contains the terms of each new series of preferred stock with the SEC each time we issue a new series of preferred stock. Each certificate of designation will establish the number of shares included in a designated series and fix the designation, powers, privileges, preferences and rights of the shares of each series as well as any applicable qualifications, limitations or restrictions. You should refer to the applicable certificate of designation as well as our third restated certificate of incorporation, as amended, before deciding to buy shares of our preferred stock as described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Our board of directors has the authority, without further action by the stockholders, to issue preferred stock in one or more series and to fix the number of shares, dividend rights, conversion rights, voting rights, redemption rights, liquidation preferences, sinking funds, and any other rights, preferences, privileges and restrictions applicable to each such series of preferred stock.

The issuance of any preferred stock could adversely affect the rights of the holders of common stock and, therefore, reduce the value of the common stock. The ability of our board of directors to issue preferred stock could discourage, delay or prevent a takeover or other corporate action.

The terms of any particular series of preferred stock will be described in the prospectus supplement relating to that particular series of preferred stock, including, where applicable:

- the designation, stated value and liquidation preference of such preferred stock;
- the number of shares within the series;
- the offering price;
- the dividend rate or rates (or method of calculation), the date or dates from which dividends shall accrue, and whether such dividends shall be cumulative or noncumulative and, if cumulative, the dates from which dividends shall commence to cumulate;
- whether interests in the shares of preferred stock will be represented by depositary shares as more fully described below under "Description of Depositary Shares";
- any redemption or sinking fund provisions;
- the amount that shares of such series shall be entitled to receive in the event of our liquidation, dissolution or winding-up;
- the terms and conditions, if any, on which shares of such series shall be convertible or exchangeable for shares of our stock of any other class or classes, or other series of the same class;
- the voting rights, if any, of shares of such series; the status as to reissuance or sale of shares of such series redeemed, purchased or otherwise reacquired, or surrendered to us on conversion or exchange;
- the conditions and restrictions, if any, on the payment of dividends or on the making of other distributions on, or the purchase, redemption or other acquisition by us or any subsidiary, of the common stock or of any other class of our shares ranking junior to the shares of such series as to dividends or upon liquidation;



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- the conditions and restrictions, if any, on the creation of indebtedness by us or by any subsidiary, or on the issuance of any additional stock ranking on a parity with or prior to the shares of such series as to dividends or upon liquidation; and
- any additional dividend, liquidation, redemption, sinking or retirement fund and other rights, preferences, privileges, limitations and restrictions of such preferred stock.

The description of the terms of a particular series of preferred stock in the applicable prospectus supplement will not be complete. You should refer to the applicable amendment to our third restated certificate of incorporation, as amended, for complete information regarding a series of preferred stock.

The preferred stock will, when issued against payment of the consideration payable therefor, be fully paid and nonassessable. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, each series of preferred stock will, upon issuance, rank senior to the common stock and on a parity in all respects with each other outstanding series of preferred stock. The rights of the holders of our preferred stock will be subordinate to that of our general creditors.

## DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS

We summarize below some of the provisions that will apply to the warrants unless the applicable prospectus supplement provides otherwise. This summary may not contain all information that is important to you. The complete terms of the warrants will be contained in the applicable warrant certificate and warrant agreement. These documents have been or will be included in or incorporated by reference as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. You should read the warrant certificate and the warrant agreement. You should also read the prospectus supplement, which will contain additional information and which may update or change some of the information below.

### General

We may issue, together with other securities or separately, warrants to purchase common stock, preferred stock or other securities. We may issue the warrants under warrant agreements to be entered into between us and a bank or trust company, as warrant agent, all as set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. The warrant agent would act solely as our agent in connection with the warrants of the series being offered and would not assume any obligation or relationship of agency or trust for or with any holders or beneficial owners of warrants.

The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the following terms, where applicable, of warrants in respect of which this prospectus is being delivered:

- the title of the warrants;
- the designation, amount and terms of the securities for which the warrants are exercisable and the procedures and conditions relating to the exercise of such warrants;
- the designation and terms of the other securities, if any, with which the warrants are to be issued and the number of warrants issued with each such security;
- the price or prices at which the warrants will be issued;
- the aggregate number of warrants;
- any provisions for adjustment of the number or amount of securities receivable upon exercise of the warrants or the exercise price of the warrants;
- the price or prices at which the securities purchasable upon exercise of the warrants may be purchased;
- if applicable, the date on and after which the warrants and the securities purchasable upon exercise of the warrants will be separately transferable;
- if applicable, a discussion of the material U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable to the warrants;
- any other terms of the warrants, including terms, procedures and limitations relating to the exchange and exercise of the warrants;
- the date on which the right to exercise the warrants shall commence and the date on which the right shall expire;
- if applicable, the maximum or minimum number of warrants which may be exercised at any time;
- the identity of the warrant agent;
- any mandatory or optional redemption provision;
- whether the warrants are to be issued in registered or bearer form;
- whether the warrants are extendible and the period or periods of such extendibility;
- information with respect to book-entry procedures, if any; and

- any other terms of the warrants.

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Before exercising their warrants, holders of warrants will not have any of the rights of holders of the securities purchasable upon such exercise, including the right to receive dividends, if any, or payments upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding-up or to exercise voting rights, if any.

**Exercise of Warrants**

Each warrant will entitle the holder thereof to purchase such number of shares of common stock or preferred stock or other securities at the exercise price as will in each case be set forth in, or be determinable as set forth in, the applicable prospectus supplement. Warrants may be exercised at any time up to the close of business on the expiration date set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. After the close of business on the expiration date, unexercised warrants will become void. Warrants may be exercised as set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement relating to the warrants offered thereby. Upon receipt of payment and proper completion and due execution at the corporate trust office of the warrant agent or any other office indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement of the warrant certificate, we will, as soon as practicable, forward the purchased securities. If less than all of the warrants represented by the warrant certificate are exercised, a new warrant certificate will be issued for the remaining warrants.

**Enforceability of Rights of Holders of Warrants**

Each warrant agent will act solely as our agent under the applicable warrant agreement and will not assume any obligation or relationship of agency or trust with any holder of any warrant. A single bank or trust company may act as warrant agent for more than one issue of warrants. A warrant agent will have no duty or responsibility in case of any default by us under the applicable warrant agreement or warrant, including any duty or responsibility to initiate any proceedings at law or otherwise, or to make any demand upon us. Any holder of a warrant may, without the consent of the related warrant agent or the holder of any other warrant, enforce by appropriate legal action its right to exercise, and receive the securities purchasable upon exercise of, that holder's warrant(s).

**Modification of the Warrant Agreement**

The warrant agreement will permit us and the warrant agent, without the consent of the warrant holders, to supplement or amend the agreement in the following circumstances:

- to cure any ambiguity;
- to correct or supplement any provision which may be defective or inconsistent with any other provisions; or
- to add new provisions regarding matters or questions that we and the warrant agent may deem necessary or desirable and which do not adversely affect the interests of the warrant holders.

## DESCRIPTION OF DEPOSITARY SHARES

We summarize below some of the provisions that will apply to depositary shares unless the applicable prospectus supplement provides otherwise. This summary may not contain all information that is important to you. The complete terms of the depositary shares will be contained in the depositary agreement and depositary receipt applicable to any depositary shares. These documents have been or will be included in or incorporated by reference as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. You should read the depositary agreement and the depositary receipt. You should also read the prospectus supplement, which will contain additional information and which may update or change some of the information below.

### General

We may, at our option, elect to offer fractional or multiple shares of common stock or preferred stock, rather than single shares of common stock or preferred stock (to be set forth in the prospectus supplement relating to such depositary shares). In the event we elect to do so, depositary receipts evidencing depositary shares will be issued to the public.

The shares of common stock or any class or series of preferred stock represented by depositary shares will be deposited under a deposit agreement among us, a depositary selected by us, and the holders of the depositary receipts. The depositary will be a bank or trust company having its principal office in the United States and having a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000. Subject to the terms of the deposit agreement, each owner of a depositary share will be entitled, in proportion to the applicable fraction of a share of common stock or preferred stock represented by such depositary share, to all the rights and preferences of the shares of common stock or preferred stock represented by the depositary share, including dividend, voting, redemption and liquidation rights.

The depositary shares will be evidenced by depositary receipts issued pursuant to the deposit agreement. Depositary receipts will be distributed to those persons purchasing the fractional shares of common stock or the related class or series of preferred shares in accordance with the terms of the offering described in the related prospectus supplement.

## DESCRIPTION OF UNITS

We may issue units comprised of one or more of the other securities described in this prospectus in any combination. Each unit will be issued so that the holder of the unit is also the holder of each security included in the unit. Thus, the holder of a unit will have the rights and obligations of a holder of each included security. The unit agreement under which a unit is issued may provide that the securities included in the unit may not be held or transferred separately, at any time or at any time before a specified date. The applicable prospectus supplement may describe:

- the designation and terms of the units and of the securities comprising the units, including whether and under what circumstances those securities may be held or transferred separately;
- any provisions for the issuance, payment, settlement, transfer or exchange of the units or of the securities comprising the units;
- the terms of the unit agreement governing the units;
- United States federal income tax considerations relevant to the units; and
- whether the units will be issued in fully registered global form.

This summary of certain general terms of units and any summary description of units in the applicable prospectus supplement do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to all provisions of the applicable unit agreement and, if applicable, collateral arrangements and depositary arrangements relating to such units. The forms of the unit agreements and other documents relating to a particular issue of units will be filed with the SEC each time we issue units, and you should read those documents for provisions that may be important to you.

## PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may sell the securities covered hereby from time to time pursuant to underwritten public offerings, direct sales to the public, negotiated transactions, block trades or a combination of these methods. A distribution of the securities offered by this prospectus may also be effected through the issuance of derivative securities, including without limitation, warrants and subscriptions. We or any selling securityholders may sell the securities to or through underwriters or dealers, through agents, or directly to one or more purchasers. We or any selling securityholders may distribute securities from time to time in one or more transactions:

- at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed;
- at market prices prevailing at the time of sale;
- at prices related to such prevailing market prices;
- at varying prices determined at the time of sale; or
- at negotiated prices.
- A prospectus supplement or supplements will describe the terms of the offering of the securities, including:
  - the name or names of the underwriters, dealers, agents or selling securityholders participating in the offering, if any;
  - the purchase price of the securities sold by us to any underwriter or dealer and the net proceeds we expect to receive from the offering;
  - any over-allotment options under which underwriters may purchase additional securities from us;
  - any agency fees or underwriting discounts or commissions and other items constituting agents' or underwriters' compensation;
  - any public offering price;
  - any discounts or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid to dealers; and
  - any securities exchange or market on which the securities may be listed.

Only underwriters named in the prospectus supplement will be underwriters of the securities offered by the prospectus supplement.

If underwriters are used in the sale, they will acquire the securities for their own account and may resell the securities from time to time in one or more transactions at a fixed public offering price or at varying prices determined at the time of sale. The obligations of the underwriters to purchase the securities will be subject to the conditions set forth in the applicable underwriting agreement. We may offer the securities to the public through underwriting syndicates represented by managing underwriters or by underwriters without a syndicate. Subject to certain conditions, the underwriters will be obligated to purchase all of the securities offered by the prospectus supplement, other than securities covered by any over-allotment option. Any public offering price and any discounts or commissions or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid to dealers may change from time to time. We may use underwriters with whom we have a material relationship. We will describe in the prospectus supplement, naming the underwriter, the nature of any such relationship.

We or any selling securityholders may sell securities directly or through agents we designate from time to time. We will name any agent involved in the offering and sale of securities and we will describe any commissions and other compensation we will pay the agent in the prospectus supplement. Unless the prospectus supplement states otherwise, our agent will act on a best-efforts basis for the period of its appointment.

We or any selling securityholders may authorize agents or underwriters to solicit offers by certain types of institutional investors to purchase securities from us at the public offering price set forth in the prospectus supplement pursuant to delayed delivery contracts providing for payment and delivery on a specified date in





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the future. We will describe the conditions to these contracts and the commissions we must pay for solicitation of these contracts in the prospectus supplement.

We may provide agents and underwriters with indemnification against civil liabilities related to this offering, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or contribution with respect to payments that the agents or underwriters may make with respect to these liabilities. Agents and underwriters may engage in transactions with, or perform services for, us in the ordinary course of business.

All securities we may offer, other than common stock, will be new issues of securities with no established trading market. Any agents or underwriters may make a market in these securities, but will not be obligated to do so and may discontinue any market making at any time without notice. We cannot guarantee the liquidity of the trading markets for any securities. There is currently no market for any of the offered securities, other than our common stock which is listed on the NASDAQ Global Market. We have no current plans for listing of the preferred stock, warrants or subscription rights on any securities exchange or quotation system; any such listing with respect to any particular preferred stock, warrants or subscription rights will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering materials, as the case may be.

Any underwriter may engage in overallotment, stabilizing transactions, short covering transactions and penalty bids in accordance with Regulation M under the Exchange Act. Overallotment involves sales in excess of the offering size, which create a short position. Stabilizing transactions permit bids to purchase the underlying security so long as the stabilizing bids do not exceed a specified maximum. Short covering transactions involve purchases of the securities in the open market after the distribution is completed to cover short positions. Penalty bids permit the underwriters to reclaim a selling concession from a dealer when the securities originally sold by the dealer are purchased in a stabilizing or short covering transaction to cover short positions. Those activities may cause the price of the securities to be higher than it would otherwise be. If commenced, the underwriters may discontinue any of the activities at any time.

Any agents and underwriters who are qualified market makers on the NASDAQ Global Market may engage in passive market making transactions in the securities on the NASDAQ Global Market in accordance with Regulation M, during the business day prior to the pricing of the offering, before the commencement of offers or sales of the securities. Passive market makers must comply with applicable volume and price limitations and must be identified as passive market makers. In general, a passive market maker must display its bid at a price not in excess of the highest independent bid for such security; if all independent bids are lowered below the passive market maker's bid, however, the passive market maker's bid must then be lowered when certain purchase limits are exceeded. Passive market making may stabilize the market price of the securities at a level above that which might otherwise prevail in the open market and, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time.

## LEGAL MATTERS

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, the validity of the securities offered hereby will be passed upon for us by Lowenstein Sandler LLP, Roseland, New Jersey. If the validity of the securities offered hereby in connection with offerings made pursuant to this prospectus are passed upon by counsel for the underwriters, dealers, agents or selling securityholders, if any, such counsel will be named in the prospectus supplement relating to such offering.

## EXPERTS

The financial statements and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting (which is included in Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting) incorporated in this prospectus by reference to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

## WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-3, including exhibits, under the Securities Act of which this prospectus forms a part. This prospectus does not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement. This prospectus contains descriptions of certain agreements or documents that are exhibits to the registration statement. The statements as to the contents of such exhibits, however, are brief descriptions and are not necessarily complete, and each statement is qualified in all respects by reference to such agreement or document. For further information about us, please refer to the registration statement and the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Our SEC filings are available to the public over the Internet at the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. The SEC's website contains reports, proxy statements and other information regarding issuers, such as Celldex Therapeutics, Inc., that file electronically with the SEC. You may also read and copy any document we file with the SEC at the SEC's Public Reference Room, located at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the operation of its Public Reference Room. We make available free of charge through our web site our Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, Proxy Statements on Schedule 14A and all amendments to those reports as soon as reasonably practicable after such material is electronically filed with or furnished to the SEC. Our website address is <http://www.celldextherapeutics.com>. Please note that our website address is provided as an inactive textual reference only. Information contained on or accessible through our website is not part of this prospectus or the prospectus supplement, and is therefore not incorporated by reference unless such information is otherwise specifically referenced elsewhere in this prospectus or the prospectus supplement.

## INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference in this prospectus much of the information we file with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those publicly available documents. The information that we incorporate by reference in this prospectus is considered to be part of this prospectus. Because we are incorporating by reference future filings with the SEC, this prospectus is continually updated and those future filings may modify or supersede some of the information included or incorporated in this prospectus. This means that you must look at all of the SEC filings that we incorporate by reference to determine if any of the statements in this prospectus or in any document previously incorporated by reference have been modified or superseded. This prospectus incorporates by reference the documents listed below (File No. 000-15006) and any future filings we make with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act (in each case, other than those documents or the portions of those documents not deemed to be filed) until the offering of the securities under the registration statement is terminated or completed:

- Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012, filed with the SEC on March 8, 2013 (including the portions of our Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A, filed with the SEC on April 23, 2013, incorporated by reference therein);
- Our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarters ended March 31, 2013, June 30, 2013 and September 30, 2013, filed on May 3, 2013, August 6, 2013 and November 8, 2013, respectively;
- Our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on February 4, 2013, February 6, 2013, March 7, 2013 (with respect to Item 8.01 only), May 20, 2013 and June 13, 2013;
- The description of our Common Stock contained in our registration statement on Form 8-A, filed with the SEC on September 22, 1986 under Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act, and any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description; and
- The description of the rights to purchase our Series C-1 Junior Participating Cumulative Preferred Stock contained in our registration statement on Form S-4, filed with the SEC on December 21, 2007, our registration statement on Form 8-A filed with the SEC on November 8, 2004, our registration statement on Form 8-A/A filed with the SEC on October 22, 2007, our registration statement on Form 8-A/A filed with the SEC on March 7, 2008, and any amendment or report filed with the SEC for the purposes of updating such descriptions.

Nothing in this prospectus shall be deemed to incorporate information furnished but not filed with the SEC pursuant to Item 2.02 or 7.01 of Form 8-K.

We will furnish without charge to each person, including any beneficial owner, to whom this prospectus is delivered, upon written or oral request, a copy of any documents incorporated by reference other than exhibits to those documents. Requests should be addressed to:

**Celldex Therapeutics, Inc.**  
Attention: Investor Relations  
119 Fourth Avenue  
Needham, Massachusetts 02494  
Telephone number: (781) 433-0771

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**7,250,000 Shares**

**Celldex Therapeutics, Inc.**

**Common Stock**

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**Prospectus Supplement**

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*Joint Book-Running Managers*

**Jefferies**  
**Leerink Partners**

*Lead Manager*

**Guggenheim Securities**

February , 2015

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